



**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Takuya HIRAMATSU et al.
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 1, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 30, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003. The filing of this response is timely. A Notice of Appeal and a three-month extension of time were filed in this application on December 30, 2003. A petition for a two-month extension of the period for filing an appeal brief in the appeal is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.